

## Delaware River Sojourn 2002 – Safety Patrol



Safety Patrol Member Dave Simon giving the morning safety briefing along the banks of the Delaware before Day One paddling begins. Two sojourners help demonstrate what to do if a canoe capsizes.

*A special thanks to the members of the Sojourn Safety Patrol who skillfully watched over the paddlers during the eight-day river journey:*

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### Delaware River Sojourn: Journey Down A Revolutionary River

POCONO MOUNTAINS — take a journey down the revolutionary Delaware River. The eighth Annual Delaware River Sojourn, June 8, promises to be an escape from life's frantic distractions.

Participants will travel through the past, present, and future as they learned appreciation for the ecological, historical, recreational, and economic significance of the Delaware River. This year's sojourn, entitled Take a Journey Down a Revolutionary River, combines canoeing, camping, educational programs, and historical interpretation geared to paddlers of all ages.

The sojourn will start in Pond Eddy, New York. Participants will paddle for two days in each section of the river, and end in Philadelphia. Along the way, participants can also expect to take side trips on historical canals, into the tidal marshes, and down the scenic tributaries. Paddlers may take the a day or two, or all eight to become fully immersed in the camaraderie and companionship this venture with nature promises.

Over the years, the Delaware River Sojourn has focused attention on the river, creating a growing awareness of the important role it plays in the lives of the more than 7 million people who live within the watershed. This event is always held in June in conjunction with American River's Month. This year, the Delaware has been named Pennsylvania's River of the Year.

Here on this year's highlights: Friday, May 31 — Sojourn kickoff. Optional afternoon instruction and floors of the Gifford Pinchot mansion and grounds at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark, in Milford (reservations required for tour). Saturday, June 1 — Pond Eddy, New York to Milford. Twelve miles through one of the river's most scenic reaches. Programs include the river's resources and history, with the riverside barbecue and campfire.

Saturday, June 2 — River Beach to Dingmans Access. Programs on art and photography of the river valley and on plant and animal life on the river's island.

Monday, June 30 — Worth-ington State Park to Portland, P.A. Paddle through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Enjoy programs on the Gap's geology and on railroads and historic hotels.

Tuesday, June 4 — Martins Creek to Raubsville, P.A. Past the Lehigh River as it flows into the Delaware where three canals once converged. Presentations will be on historical and cultural importance of the Lehigh and Delaware Trails as well as on Native American culture.

Wednesday, June 5 — Lambertville, New Jersey to Yardley, P.A. Follow George Washington's path when he crossed the Delaware with his army on Christmas night in 1776. For New Jersey State Museums latest exhibit and join a Native American celebration.

Thursday June 6 — Crosswicks Creek to Trenton Marsh. Paddlers have rested on the river's bottom near the spot where 44 warships since the American Revolution. Learn about the history of the Delaware and Raritan Canal and about mysterious excavations which lead to a scandal among 19th century archeologists.

Friday, June 7 — Brandywine Creek (two short portages). Paddle where the DuPont family's financial empire began with a few black powder factories. Feast on Philly cheese steaks at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

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